(iii) Gauge Conversion of Lumding-Silchar and extn. from Badarpur to Baraigram.

(iv) New line from New Maynaguri-Jogighopa.

(v) New line from Dudnoi to Depa (land not made available so far).

(vi) Gauge Conversion of Katkhal-Bairabhi.

(vii) Rangia-Murkongselek GC along with linked fingers.

(iii) **Tourism**—As per the information received from Ministry of Tourism, the perpective and vision is to develop North-East as a unique sustainable eco-tourism destination with emphasis on the 'alert independent traveller' with the objective of unlocking the three tourism pillars of the North East-Nature, Culture & Religion so as to provide a competitive advantage to the Region.

Projects under NLCPR

557. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects proposed by State Government of Tripura to be taken under NLCPR during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) the projects accepted and the amount earmarked;

(c) the projects not accepted; and

(d) the reasons for not accepting the projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The names of projects proposed by the State Government of Tripura in their Priority Lists of projects for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in Column 2 of table in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The status of these projects alongwith the estimated cost is given in Column 3 and 4 of the table in the Statement. (*See* below).

(d) The projects under NLCPR are retained for techno-economic examination and then sanctioned, keeping in view a number of factors

including availability of funds, infrastructure gaps and camparatively more pressing demands for infrastructure in a particular sector in a State, competing demands from the States and capacity of a State for utilization of funds etc. Therefore, all the projects proposed by Government of Tripura could not be accepted.

Statement

Names of the projects proposed by the State Government of Tripura alongwith their status and estimated cost

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Status	Estimated cost
1	2	3	4
	Priority List 2005-06		
1.	Widening & strengthening of Banikya Cowmuhani—Shalbagan Road. (9.00 Km.)	Sanctioned	4.77
2.	Widening & strengthening of Jolaibari-Kowaifung-Alimara Road (22.00 Km.)	Retained for techno—economic examination	10.70
3.	Water Supply Scheme at Bishalgarh (1.00 MGD)	-do-	9.90
4.	Water Supply Scheme at Jatanbari-Nutanbazar (0.65 MGD)	-do-	6.60
5.	Tripura Engineering College	-do-	11.61
6.	Establishment of a New College of Teacher Education in North Tripura	-do-	18.75
7.	Upgradation of Building of 150 High Schools	-do-	34.13
8.	Upgradation of Buildings of 100 Higher Secondary Schools	-do-	56.50
9.	Protection of capital city Agartala from flood of river Howrah and Katakhal		Not Retained
10.	Development of 16 Government Colleges	-do-	

1	2	3	4
	Priority List 2006-07		
11.	Development of Dharmanagar Girls' H.S. School	Retained for techno-economic examination	2.00
12.	Development of Dharmanagar Boys' H.S. School (Bir Bikram Institution)	-do-	2.00
13.	Development of Udaipur Girls' H.S. School	-do-	2.00
14.	Improvement of State B.Ed. College	-do-	10.11
15.	Water Supply Scheme at Melanagar	-do-	10.00
16.	Transmission Scheme including Bodhjang Nagar Industrial Estate	-do-	10.55
17.	Construction of Law College	-do-	3.50
18.	Improvement of Dharmanagar Sub-Divisional Hospital	-do-	7.95
19.	Improvement of Telimura Sub-Divisional Hospital	-do-	6.01
20.	Infrastructure Development of RK Mission, Viveknagar, Agartala	-do-	4.92
21.	Improvement of Mailak-Gamukabarivia Burbaria Road (7.5 km)	-do-	14.73
22.	Establishment of new College of Teachers' Education in South Tripura at District Headquarter		Not retained
23.	Development of 16 Government Degree College (Science building and computerization etc.)	-do-	
24.	Computerization of H.S.. Schools	-do-	
25.	Development of Sabroom-Silchar-Amarpur Road	-do-	
26.	Upgradation of infrastructure of 25 upper Primary Schools building with provision of furniture (Phase-II)	-do-	
27.	Construction of pucca building of 175 Primary Schools with provision of furniture	-do-	
28.	Infrastructure Development of TTAAADC	-do-	

1	2	3	4
29.	Improvement of Mohanpur-Barkathal -Chachu-Patin-Mandai-Jirania Road (30 km)	-do-	
30.	Improvement of Bishagar-Golagati-Takarjala Road (21 km)	-do-	
31.	Improvement of Khowai to Asharambari Road (24 km)	-do-	
32.	Improvement of Rajnagar to Gourangabazar Road (25 km)	-do-	
33.	Improvement of Damcherra-Thumcharrai-Joyshree-Kanchanpur Road (27 km)	-do-	
34.	Improvement of Manu-Dhumacherra -Kancanbari-Fatikroy Road (28 km)	-do-	

Electricty from sea-waves

†558. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to generate electricity from sea-waves in different regions of the country;

(b) if so, the schemes formulated in this regard and the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the same; and

(c) the quantum of electricity likely to be generated from this scheme in next 3-4 years?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) National Institute of Ocean technology, and organization under Ministry of Earth Sciences has set up a wave energy demonstration power plant at Vizhinjam, Kerala, which is working on experimental basis. However, this type of land-based plant is not cost effective and the research in this regard is continuing. Presently, there is no scheme to set up more such plants.

(c) Does not arise.

†Origional notice of the question was received in Hindi.